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	10/796,789	DUNLAP ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ahshik Kim	2876	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/9/04 (*initial filing of application*).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 7 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6, 8-26 and 28-34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continuation Data

1. Acknowledged this application claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No.

5 60/453,397 filed on March 10, 2003.

Specification

2. The lengthy specification and a large number of drawings have not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation

10 is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

15 (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

20 4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out
25 the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later

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invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1, 7, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jantsch (US 2003/0089769 A1, hereinafter "Jantsch").

5 Re claims 1 and 7, Jantsch discloses an apparatus for dispensing a cash (see abstract) in an ATM machine (see paragraphs 0005, 0006) comprising a user-interface device wherein the user may instruct the amount of money to be dispensed, a transport path to move the currency (see figure 2) wherein the item is delivered to the user via an opening 20 from a storage area 16 (see figure 1; paragraph 0040). The transport path includes a curved portion 54 which may be
10 rotated to a plurality of positions. The curved portion is effected by the spring-bias 56. Jantsch does not specifically disclose that the curved portion is a belt. However, it is the Examiner's view that the vane 54 can be considered a functionally equivalent means to belt which Applicant claims in the presented claims.

Re claim 27, when the curved portion is rotated upward (see figure 2), the new path can
15 be considered "releasibly engaged" (since the path can revert back toward 20).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-6, 8-26, and 28-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of
20 the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the claims are directed an automated banking machine such as ATM. The apparatus comprised of a

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housing, a cash dispenser, an input device, and transport path through which a bill is moved from the storage to the customer. The transport further includes a smooth platen surface including a curved portion and at least one moveable belt flight biased toward engagement with the curved portion. The transport further includes at least one biasing roll moveably mounted adjacent a first end of the curved portion. Such transport structure in the ATM is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Conclusion

I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Asami et al. (US 5,570,877); Swinton et al. (US 6,398,108); Swinton et al. (US 5,136,144); Hirose et al. (US 4,602,332); Placke et al. (US 4,577,763); George (US 3,646,325) disclose ATM machine or sheet handling apparatus. Applicant is respectfully suggested to carefully review these references.

II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Ahshik Kim* whose telephone number is (571)272-2393. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:00AM to 3:00PM Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571)272-2398. The fax number directly to the Examiner is (571)273-2393. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)872-9306.

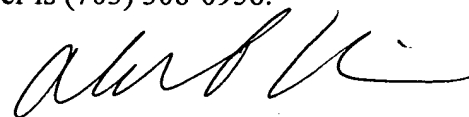
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



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